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TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the telephone exchanges in various districts, including Samstipur, Rajgir, Bihar Sharief, Motihari of Bihar are working to their full capacity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of steps being taken for overall improvement therein; and
- (c) the number of pending applications for telephone connections in the said exchanges and the time by which all pending applications are likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c): The details of equipped capacity, working connections and waiting list of Samastipur, Rajgir, Bihar Sharief and Motihari are given at Annexure. (Rajgir and Bihar Sharief are part of Nalanda district). The waiting list is likely to be cleared by March 2003.

The details of steps being taken for overall improvement are as follows:

1. Additional cable is laid in areas which are technically non feasible due to non availability of cable pairs.
2. The applicants are being offered new telephone connections on WLL, if area is not feasible and cable laying may take more time.
3. In case, where capacity is available in the exchanges but waiting list is not there or is limited, special advertisement are being made to generate more demand.

ANNEXURE

Sl. No.	Name of the District/ Exchange	Capacity	Working Connection	Waiting List
1	Samastipur	33108	26586	3835
2	Rajgir	1000	698	25
3	Bihar Sharief	9500	8027	150
4	East Champaran	44212	31240	7390

(Motihari